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County of Carbon,)

I, Kevin Ashby, on oath, say that I am the Publisher of the Sun Advocate, a twice-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at Price, State a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the full issue of such newspaper for 5 (Five) consecutive issues, and that the first publication was on the 13th day of December, 2001, and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 1st day of January, 2002.

Ken G. Larson

Ken G Larson - Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of January, 2002.

Linda Hayn

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1077, Price, Utah 84501 has filed a complete application with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for a revision to the existing Coal Mining and Reclamation Permit, C/007/041, for the West Ridge Mine, located in C Canyon, approximately 6 miles north of East Carbon City, Utah. The revision proposes the addition of Federal Coal Lease UTU-78562, which entails the extension of existing underground workings, with no additional surface disturbance. The lease area is 1,646.34 acres, more or less and is delineated on U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute topographic maps as follows:

T 13 S, R 13 E, SLB&M, Utah

Section 35: S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4.

T 14 S, R 13 E, SLB&M, Utah

Section 1: Lots 2-7, SW1/4NE1/4,
S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4;
Section 12: Lots 1-4, S1/2N1/2, NE1/4
SW1/4, SE1/4;
Section 13: NE1/4 NE1/4.

T 14 S, R 14 E, SLB&M, Utah

Section 6: Lot 6;
Section 7: Lots 3 and 4;
Section 18: Lot 1, 1/2NW1/4.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the following locations:
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Carbon County Courthouse
120 East Main
Price, Utah 84501.

Written comments, objections or requests for informal conferences on the application may be submitted within 30 days to:

Utah Coal Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

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